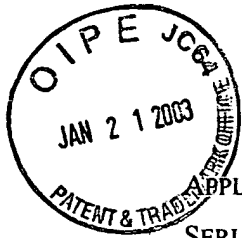


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1. Response to Office Action mailed December 20, 2002 (1 pg.); and
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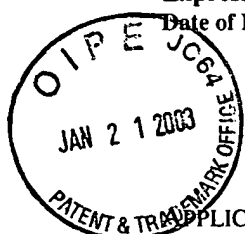
  
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In response to the Office Action Dated December 20, 2002, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-15, drawn to nucleic acids, vectors, host cells) without traverse.

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